

JOINT STATEHOOD.

Let's push the passage of that joint statehood bill—Albuquerque Citizen.
All right, joint statehood with the Alamosa Journal exactly, but what are we going to do in Arizona? To get her to agree to the partnership? There's the rub—Alamosa Journal.
Make Marcus Aurelius Smith United States senator.

BUSINESS WITH MEXICO.

The rapid increase of the trade between the United States and Mexico is attracting most favorable attention and both explain and promote to some extent the cordial relations that have so long existed between these two countries. Since 1890 American exports to Mexico have more than doubled, and for the last fiscal year amounted to \$16,000,000, and the imports, which doubled in the same period, were \$41,000,000 last year.
But these grand totals are less significant than the comparison of Mexico's trade with this and other countries. Of all the goods purchased abroad, Mexico buys 59 per cent in the United States. Of all the exports of that country, 76 per cent comes to the United States.

RURAL MAIL ROUTES.

Postmaster General Wynne, in the World's Work, declares that in 1897, when the rural service was started on probation, \$49,000 was deemed sufficient for its trial. During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1904, nearly \$12,000,000 was expended for rural free delivery. For the fiscal year up on which we have now entered \$20, \$16,000 has been appropriated for the continuance and extension of the same mail service. There were 24,566 rural routes in existence at the end of the fiscal year on June 30 last, 9,446 new routes having been put into operation during the fiscal year. On October 1, 1904, there were 27,338 routes in operation, and the service was being extended at the rate of about 800 routes a month. Taking 450 people as the average number served on each route (a moderate estimate), the rural service in operation October 1, 1904, was bringing the mails within easy reach of the homes of 12,243,750 residents of rural districts. In this one of the many good reasons why the people should vote as they did to continue the republican party in power?

THE SIMPLER LIFE.

Since every cause has its opponents it was but reasonable to expect that the cult of the simpler life, the life unhampered by debts contracted in an effort to live beyond one's means, should be attacked and made to appear a life hardly worth the living, says the Boston Transcript. It is pointed out by the opposing faction that the effort to "keep up" in out-door, even, one's neighbors in the possession of things that make for material comfort develops the earning capacity of the head of the house; it stimulates a healthy ambition and keeps the mental faculties alert to bring improvement in worldly circumstances. That it does narrow a man's ideals to spend much time puzzling over the problem of making one dollar do the work of two is evident. Much better for him would it be if he would devote his mental energies to planning great achievements and establish grounds for faith in his ability to earn as clear right and little to this world's goods as any of his neighbors possess. A pretty wholesome doctrine and one that those who are wavering between the two kinds of life would do well to contemplate before taking any pronounced step. And it accords with that creed which says, "I am master of my fate."

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The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that the objection of Arizona will not prevent the passage of the joint statehood bill by the senate. Speaking of the pending bill that paper says:
"No surprise will be occasioned in congress by the opposition to the joint statehood of Arizona and New Mexico which is made by Alexander O. Brodie, the governor of the former territory. Under the Hamilton bill, which passed the house of representatives last April and which is expected to pass the senate some time in the approaching short session, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are to be admitted as one state under the name of Oklahoma, and Arizona and New Mexico are to be let in as another state under the name of Arizona. That this bill will pass in this shape, and that it will receive the president's signature, there is not the slightest room for doubt.
"Gov. Brodie and many other Arizona have for several years opposed the joint statehood project. He opposes it for many reasons. Each of the territories is larger than any of the present states except Texas, California and Montana. Joined together they would be larger than California or Montana, and be only 20,000 square miles smaller than Texas. Their laws are diametrically at variance. A large portion of New Mexico's population is of the old Mexican element, while but little of this ingredient is in Arizona. With half as many people as New Mexico, Arizona spends much more money for education. New Mexico's preponderance in population would enable it to outvote the Arizona end of the proposed state on all questions of importance on which sectional lines would be drawn.
"These are strong objections. Nevertheless, they are not likely to prevail with the present congress. In 1900 Arizona had 122,000 inhabitants and New Mexico 194,000, or a total of 316,000 people. The claim was made at the time that the census takers

overlooked thousands of residents in both territories. Possibly there is truth in this. Moreover, each territory has been growing with considerable rapidity in the past four years. The majority in congress, however, is decidedly averse to the creation of two states out of those territories. The feeling is that the population will never be large enough in each of them to warrant separate statehood. There is considerable opposition to the union in New Mexico also, but not so much as in Arizona. Still, as separate admission is outside the range of possibility for many years to come, there is a strong probability that Arizona and New Mexico will accept congress terms and enter jointly."

GREATLY IMPROVED.

The editor of The Citizen has helped put into type and has read the proof of every presidential message since 1865. In those days it was a big task for a small office to print the message. The telegraph service was poor; there was no great Associated Press to arrange all the details for the prompt delivery of the message. In 1865 no afternoon newspaper in the United States could publish the message on the day it was delivered. The citizen is now better fitted to print the message promptly than was any New York City paper in 1865. No advance copy was then furnished to the use of the papers. The telegraph company had no typewriters. The copy was taken by the operator with a pen on manifold tissue paper, and it became daily noted up in type. There was no electric light; in fact, the telegraph and printing business was crude and tiresome when Andrew Johnson sent his first annual message to congress in 1865.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo. Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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ROUSING FAIR MEETING.

(From Tuesday's Daily Citizen.)
The big reception room of Zeigler's Cafe, upstairs, was crowded to the doors last night by the largest and most enthusiastic crowd of "fair spellbinders" that has yet assembled for the transaction of territorial fair business, such as the election of annual officers.
The enthusiasm was made intense by the report that half a dozen names would be proposed for the various offices, and the factious were, of course, present to work for and support their favorites.
And, again, the report had gained currency that short and spicy talks would be indulged in as to the exercise of money in the economy of future fairs, and this also had its effect on bringing forth to the meeting the big crowd.
After waiting until 8:30 o'clock for the appearance of Messrs. O. N. Marston and P. F. McCann, who failed to arrive, Maynard Gunn, the secretary of the fair, in the absence of President McCaffrey, called the mass meeting to order. He stated the object of the gathering was to elect new officers and a board of directors, and suggested that a temporary chairman be named.
A motion prevailed that Mr. Gunn be the temporary chairman, which was carried.
W. T. McCright was chosen temporary secretary.
The following gentlemen were then noted down as present: F. L. Myers, O. A. Matson, John Coffey and D. S. Brown, B. O. Lacey, Leon Horton, Harry and Sol. Weidner, D. K. B. Sellers, Jacob Levy, B. W. Dolson, J. W. Anderson, Robert Massery, C. M. Wilkinson, A. Borders, James Smith, Jacob Kothar, Oakley Clifford, Doc. Blodgett, Simon Balling, N. Nash, Warren Graham, Wallace Headen, Simon Stern, L. B. Stary, Thomas Hughes, Ed. D. Quicke, Herman Switzer, Billy Herry, Sol. Benjamin, Albert Paber, D. A. Macpherson, F. G. Pratt, J. H. McCutcheon, Ernest Meyers, James McCutcheon, Dr. C. H. Carns, B. Spitz, Dr. B. H. Briggs, W. E. Drake, George H. Moore, W. Y. Watson, H. Yarrow, Dr. L. H. Chamberlain, C. G. Cushman, Jay A. Hubbs, F. O. Ferguson, H. Menzies, C. G. Osterhout, Ivan Grunfeld, Felix Lester, F. J. Houston and Dr. Kraft.
The following came in later: W. H. Greer, F. A. Hubbell, Jacob Weinmann, Dr. J. H. Worth, Mike Mandell, Horst Westerfelt, David Weinmann, Leon Lounsbury.
Nominations.
The names of W. H. Greer, Dr. C. H. Carns, Felix Lester and Ivan Grunfeld were placed before the meeting for president. Messrs. Carns, Lester and Grunfeld withdrew, and on motion Mr. Greer was elected by acclamation.
George Arnot and Simon Stern were proposed for vice president, but Mr. Stern withdrew and Mr. Arnot was then chosen by acclamation.
Maynard Gunn, D. S. Rosenwald, D. K. B. Sellers and Joseph W. Walker were nominated for secretary. Messrs. Rosenwald and Gunn withdrew, leaving the race between Sellers and Walker. The former won by a handsome majority. It was then moved that Sellers' election be made unanimously, which motion was carried.
It was then that Mr. Greer, the newly elected president, made a most speech, thanking the meeting for conferring him the honor of president of the next annual territorial fair—an honor which was appreciated, but was entirely unsought for by him. He then proposed a rising vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their efforts in the past year, and many cheered in giving such a good fare as was recently held. The motion was carried.
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